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The May Summary of Men's Work
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Organization

One County Agricultural Association was formed in Dougherty County with 16 members. This association endorsed the program of work got out by the Agent.

Meetings: In Bibb County, two meetings were held, one with the Extension Committees and the other a general one.

In Dougherty County, two meetings were held by the County Agricultural Board, fifteen present at each meeting.

Agent Jas. C. Ralston of Liberty County, held a very successful club meeting assisted by Acting State Agent O. S. O'Neal.

Food and Feed Production

Corn: In Washington County, Agent T. W. Brown makes the following report: "Twenty corn demonstrators have a good stand of corn and it is doing nicely. Thirty people have been advised to use Nitrate of Soda as a top dressing on corn to push it along."

Agent J. P. Powell, Randolph County, reports: "The prospects are good for a normal crop of corn. Eight demonstrations were conducted in cultivation and six demonstrations conducted in the application of top dressing for fertilization. More than fifty farmers were reached through these demonstrations."

E. Stallworth, Sumter County, reports: "Made 57 visits to demonstrations and gave instruction on how to apply Nitrate of Soda on corn."

In Hancock County, Agent E. L. Cooper, reports: "Nine demonstrations conducted in cultivating corn and sixteen demonstrations planted in corn."

Agent O. S. O'Neal, Houston-Peach Counties, states: "Forty demonstrators growing two acres of corn have a good stand and the corn has been cultivated and is looking fine. \$25.00 has been secured as a prize to the farmer who grows the largest yield on the two acres."

Agent B. S. Adams, Chatham County, reports that 14 men enrolled in the 5-Acre corn contest. These men have been instructed to plant one of the legumes in the corn as a soil builder.

Wm. W. Hatcher, Baldwin County, reports that 25 men have planted corn and others are to plant.

Home Gardens: In Randolph County, Agent J. P. Powell makes the

following report: "We have more than 25 very nice demonstrations in home gardens and have marketed more than \$22.00 worth of vegetables from these gardens. Twelve demonstrations of various sort were conducted in home vegetable gardening, reaching thirty homes and farms."

Agent B. S. Adams, Chatham County, reports that at a meeting where 78 persons had gathered, he gave a lecture on the worth of the family garden to the home.

On a tour with club boys and girls, Agent Wm. W. Hatcher, Baldwin County, inspected ten gardens and gave information on the cultivation of vegetables in these gardens.

Agent A. H. Hinesman, Bibb County, reports that most of the gardens in Bibb County are good and that he is encouraging a variety of vegetables to be planted in these gardens.

Sweet Potatoes: Five demonstrations in sweet potatoes in Houston-Peach Counties are looking fine.

Agent A. H. Hinesman, Bibb County, states that the sweet potato crop is being planted and looking fine. And to push the production of sweet potatoes; 66 visits were made to farmers for same.

In Liberty County, 25 acres of sweet potatoes were set as demonstrations.

Forage Crops: Agent T. W. Brown, Washington County, stressed the importance of surplus acres planted in hay to increase the production of more food and feed. He further states that thirteen demonstrators who planted 1/2 acre in early amber have cultivated same and it is looking fine.

Soil Improvement

Agent Wm. R. King, Dougherty County, reports fifteen acres planted in legumes to improve the soil.

In Chatham County, Agent B. S. Adams reports that he secured five bushels of peas and one bushel of velvet beans for farmers to plant for the improvement of the soil.

225 acres will be planted in legumes in Peach-Houston Counties to improve the soil.

75 acres planted in peas in Liberty County by demonstrators under Agent J. C. Ralston's supervision.

Livestock

Poultry: T. W. Brown, Washington County, reports the following: "During the month, five days were spent marketing poultry. 'I

always cooperate with the white agent at the poultry sale. My people sold \$400.00 worth of poultry at the cooperative sale.!"

Agent E. Stallworth, Sumter County, reports that he made 18 visits to poultry demonstrations. Seventy-five per cent of the chickens that were hatched off during the month were saved. Instructions in feeding and care were given.

In Liberty County, 300 fryers and 100 dozen eggs sold.

E. L. Cooper, Hancock County, makes the following report: "Fourteen farm women instructed in the feeding of baby chicks. Nine demonstrations were given in treating poultry houses for mites. Two demonstrations were given in making rat proof houses for mites. Two demonstrations were given in making rat-proof coops for young chickens, and two in the poisoning of the rats. 4,290 pounds of live poultry were sold in the cooperative poultry sales which brought the farmers \$993.00. 887 pounds of butter fat were sold through the cooperative cream station."

The following report comes from B. S. Adams, Chatham County: "Fifty-four barred rocks have been placed with two farmers in the county and plan to secure 28 more in the next few days. Gave one demonstration in culling to a group of farm women--37 in number--at a community meeting held at Gordon. One pure bred cockerel was purchased as a result of this demonstration by one of the club women. Two self-feeders for poultry were constructed as a demonstration. Gave plans for construction of a poultry house."

Five farmers in Baldwin County have got rid of the scrub roosters and put in pure breeds this month.

Hogs: Ten demonstrations were given in treating pigs for lice in Baldwin County; 40 present.

Agent Wm. R. King, Dougherty County, states he made four visits to different farms in interest of getting breeding stock. On these visits, advice in swine handling and sanitation was given.

Ninety per cent of farmers in Peach-Houston Counties have hogs sufficient to produce plenty of meat for home consumption and some to sell.

Jas. C. Ralston, Liberty County, reports that he treated 200 hogs against cholera. The feeding demonstrations which he is carrying on are doing nicely. One farmer influenced to cure 500 pounds of meat.

Five hundred dollars worth of hogs were received by farmers of Washington County. Advice given to 27 persons pertaining to live-stock.

Dairy and Dairy Products:

Sour Cream: 887 pounds of butter fat were sold through the cooperative cream station. Two farmers were influenced to begin selling sour cream.

Horticulture

Agent E. L. Cooper, Hancock County, reports the following: Four demonstrations were conducted in spraying trees; 16 in killing potato beetle; six in killing bean beetle. Four home yards arranged with flowers.

Cash Crops

Jas. C. Ralston, Liberty County, reports the following: "Forty acres of Irish potatoes dug. Unfortunately most of these potatoes were No. 2's. Yet, by the farmers planting corn in the allies between the potatoes, they will probably get their corn free from all expenses. One carload of beans sold at \$2.30 per hamper. The tobacco looks better than anything on the farm now. Cotton is fair."

Cotton: In Dougherty County, Agent Wm. R. King made twenty-four visits to cotton and corn demonstrators.

Cooperative Marketing

Commodity	Quantity	Amount of Sale
Snap beans	140 hampers	\$ 350.00
Hams	10	36.41
Poultry	6,290 pounds.	1,393.00
Sour Cream	886.84 pounds.	369.35
White Potatoes	450 pounds.	22.50
Butter	55 pounds.	19.25
	Total-----	\$ 2,190.51

Sanitation and Health

In Randolph County, Agent J. P. Powell reports one sanitary toilet built. Five lectures given; 600 people reached.

The following report comes from Agent Jas. C. Ralston, Liberty County: "One house screened; one house painted; two wells bored; three houses whitewashed."

Agent E. L. Cooper, Hancock County, reports: "Two demonstrations conducted in making screen doors and windows. Two in preventing mosquitoes. Holes were stopped around seven wells to keep out frogs and surface water."

In Chatham County, one house whitewashed; one fence constructed.

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Agent Wm. R. King, Dougherty County, states that 15 demonstrations were given in building sanitary toilets; 5 toilets built. Ten demonstrations given in whitewashing, attended by 125 people. Also whitewashing and clean-up work done around three homes.

Narrative Report-Boys' Club Work

Meetings: In Bibb County, five club meetings held with seventy persons present.

Three club meetings were held in Baldwin County; 75 club members present. Demonstrations were given in the various home and farm projects. In Chatham County, three club meetings were held relative to projects.

Junior Work

Organization

In Liberty County, there were four clubs organized during the month. Two teams were given demonstration in feeding pigs. One club boy instructed how to plant tobacco. Three club boys have one acre of tobacco each. We were able to encourage these boys' parents to give them these projects.

Houston-Peach Counties: Club boys are pushing their projects. Cotton has been chopped and cultivated. Pigs are in fine shape and growing off nicely.

Agent Wm. W. Hatcher, Baldwin County, reports that demonstrations have been given the club boys in step making; bottoming of chairs with shucks and screened one farm home. Thirty-six boys have pigs; twelve of these pigs were gotten as a result of a visit of Agent O. S. O'Neal, who assisted in getting the Exchange Bank to loan club boys \$36.00 with which to purchase pigs for their projects.

Chatham County: Agent B. S. Adams reports that two demonstrations were given to club boys in making self-feeders for poultry.

Agent J. P. Powell, Randolph County, reports as follows: "We have enrolled 150 boys and girls in the various clubs, the majority being boys."

Agent E. L. Cooper, Hancock County, reports as follows: "The club enrollment was increased to 103. Thirteen club demonstrations were given and 28 club members' homes and farms were visited. Eight new club members began their projects."

Negro Home Demonstration Work
Camilla Weems, District Agent
May 1928.

Organization and Enrollment: Two new counties, Haralson and Paulding were organized during the month and Mrs. Burma Ray Stephens was appointed as home demonstration agent to work in the two counties. With the assistance of the District Agent, Mrs. Stephens was able to organize two or three good clubs in Haralson County and the club members there have done well. Last year, Haralson County sent an exhibit to the Southeastern Fair and won one of the premiums. All of this work in these two counties was done gratis by Mrs. Stephens before she was appointed as home demonstration agent.

In Liberty County, "The Liberty County Home Demonstration Council" was organized with 16 members. Three new clubs were organized in Haralson County and one old club reorganized. Six old clubs were re-organized in Paulding County and two new ones were organized. In Washington County, 7 members were added to the adult club enrollment and 10 to the junior club enrollment.

Food Production: (Home Gardening) The warm weather of May has caused the gardens to grow very rapidly and the people are beginning to be supplied with an abundance of fresh vegetables for home use and for market. Below are a few paragraphs taken from the reports of the home demonstration agents:

CHATHAM COUNTY. Home Demonstration Agent reported: "Two thousand potato plants, 3000 cabbage plants and 200 pepper plants were transplanted. The farm women sold to the market \$41.00 worth of garden peas, \$86.00 worth of snap beans, \$28.00 worth of beets, \$4.00 worth of greens and \$126.00 worth of Irish potatoes. Total amount of home garden products sold \$295.00"

COWETA COUNTY: Home Demonstration Agent reported: "Four thousand cabbage plants, 5000 collard plants, and 5000 potato slips were set out. Fifteen turnip beds were planted as well as corn, beans and onions. Ten dollars worth of hens and \$7.00 worth of butter were sold."

JACKSON COUNTY. Home Demonstration Agent reported: "Most gardens are looking fine. 1750 cabbage and collard plants and 600 tomato plants were set out. 2000 plants (potato) were set out. Five hundred chicks, 6 young ducks, 9 turkeys, and 18 goslings were reported for the month by club members. Eighty-three dozen eggs, 18 fliers and 5 hens were sold."

PEACH-HOUSTON COUNTY. Home Demonstration Agent reported: "One hundred adult club members have good gardens and are serving vegetables to their families daily. One club member sold from her garden, 2 bushels of garden peas, 20 quarts of strawberries and \$3.00 worth of turnips."

Home Poultry Work: Six thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine baby chicks, 89 young turkeys, and 18 goslings were reported for May. Seventy-five cockerels were bought. One demonstration in canning eggs in water glass was given-907 dozen eggs were collected. Mrs. Mary H. Jones, Home Demonstration Agent, Chatham County, reported: "Six hundred baby chicks were hatched and 29 dozen eggs were sold. Two pure bred roosters were bought." Mrs. Margaret Toomer, Home Demonstration Agent, Houston-Peach Counties, reported: "Three hundred chicks hatched out. Ten settings of Rhode Island Red eggs were purchased by club members. One demonstration was given in preserving eggs in water glass to the Piney Woods club members who were very much interested in the demonstration. One demonstration was given in cleaning hens' nests. One poultry house was whitewashed."

Home Marketing:

Home garden products	\$424.90
Poultry	98.38
Miscellaneous poultry products.....	678.00
Eggs	31.90
Milk	33.70
Butter.....	126.65
Miscellaneous dairy products.....	111.00
Strawberries.....	6.00
Two quarts canned garden peas.....	.60

Total products sold \$1511 .13

Sanitation and Health: In Newton County, 6 families used more milk in the diet. In Grady County, club members cleaned the home of sick club member. First aid treatment was given to two sick adults and to three sick children. The home demonstration agents reported the following clean up work for the month of May: Eight wells improved; 195 windows washed; 172 floors scrubbed; 7 homes screened; 93 beds poisoned; 12 homes using other methods of controlling flies; 58 mattresses sunned; 24 rooms have furniture rearranged; 14 outbuildings improved; 7 toilets built; 165 homes well cleaned; 98 walls dusted; 22 rugs cleaned; 6 old screens mended; 72 quilts washed; 24 pieces of furniture oiled and painted; 17 pieces of furniture dusted; 301 dishes and kitchen utensils washed; 17 pieces of dishes bought; 30 toilets cleaned; six old poultry houses destroyed and new ones built; 20 poultry houses cleaned and disinfected; 1 poultry house whitewashed inside and outside; 12 chicken coops sprayed inside for mites.

Cooking and Food Conservation (Cooking) Three hundred and two demonstrations in cooking were reported. More than 50 of these were demonstrations in bread making. (Canning) The following products were reported saved during the month: Two hundred quarts of berries canned; 129 quarts of vegetables canned; 29 quarts of preserves; 278 glasses of jelly; 6 jars jam; 9 jars marmalade and 70 pounds of soap.

Home Industry and Thrift. (Sewing) The articles listed below were reported to have been completed during the month: One hundred and seventy-six dresses; 18 aprons; 12 suits for boys; 33

pairs of pillow cases made; 33 table covers and dresser scarfs; 9 pairs window curtains; 18 pairs sheets; 1 hog lot built; 85 undergarments; 14 shirts for boys; 24 bed spreads completed; 13 mattresses made; 5 rugs completed; 20 quilts made.
(Handicraft) Thirteen baskets completed; 14 chairs bottomed.

Home Improvement (Interior). Two demonstrations in staining floors were given; 59 women were present. Five floors were stained and polished; 4 walls were calcimined; 8 walls were papered; 1 bed room suit of furniture was bought; 1 kitchen sink put in; 1 refrigerator bought; 1 kitchen cabinet bought; 1 kitchen safe bought.

(Exterior) Four porches built; 6 windows repaired; 11 sets of steps repaired; 7 homes whitewashed; 1 home painted; 133 flower boxes made and flowers planted in them.

(Landscape Gardening) Two yards laid off and planted according to instructions furnished by agent. Thirteen lawns mowed, 151 yards beautified.

Community Work.

Camden County: Mrs. M. A. Harris, Home Demonstration Agent reported: "The District Agent visited the county this month to look over the work and to give help and encouragement to the same. She visited the home of a family who three years ago, lived in a shanty on a turpentine farm. By the help and encouragement of the home demonstration agent (who often during her visits over the county, had to stop in that shanty and spend the night) this man and his wife were encouraged to buy and build their own home. He bought 6 acres of land and built a five room cottage with front and back porches, vegetable and flower gardens. Now she is trying to get the other women in the community to improve their home life."

Jackson County: Mrs. M. R. Torbert, Home Demonstration Agent reported: "Ten Jackson County farmers have entered the 5 acre contest."

Polk County: Mrs. Lovie Lyles, Home Demonstration Agent reported: "Better Homes Week was observed this month at Rockmart and Cedartown. At Rockmart, we set up a girl's bed room for exhibition. Then each girl set up a bed room at her home. May 14-17, a contest was held, the judges being Mrs. Lee and Miss Emma Crab, the chairman of the Rockmart District: Lula Nettle won first honor, Victory McGinnis, second honor. They were scored on the most sanitary bed room.

"At Cedartown, Better Homes Week was observed by remodeling and cleaning the A. M. E. Church.

"From this demonstration, 21 other churches have been cleaned. We also held a bread making contest during Better Homes Week between Rockmart High School and Cedartown High School. Sixteen teams took part in the contest. First honor went to Cedartown in making biscuits. First honor went to Rockmart in making corn meal muffins.

Miss Zella Philips (white demonstration agent) judged the bread and said a great improvement had been made since the first contest which was held on the 4th day of April.".

Adult Short Courses.

Chatham County: Mrs. M. H. Jones, Home Demonstration Agent reported: "A Union get-together meeting was held in Wheathill Community on the 16th of this month.

"A cake contest was held during the day and prizes were awarded for the three best cakes. Montieith, Louisville and Woodville were the winners. Dinner was served in an old fashioned picnic style. Meetings of this kind are expected to be held in other parts of the county during the year."

Liberty County: Mrs. M. L. Ralston, Home Demonstration Agent, reported: "A series of three days group or get-together meetings was held for adult club members on the 16-17-18 of May.

"The first days were spent in demonstrations. These were salad making, jelly making, canning, vegetables and meat cookery. Table setting, meal planning and serving meals. The third day was spent in organizing a County Home Demonstration Council. Eighty-six women were reached during our three days meeting."

Narrative Report-----Girls' Club Work.

Chatham County: We have 15 clubs in Chatham County with an enrollment of 293. During the month of May the girls were kept busy with their gardens. More interest has been manifested this year in club work than ever before. Twenty-four cans of berries, 14 cans of beans and 36 glasses of jelly were made. The girls are manifesting great interest in Home Beautification. Each girl is trying to make some mark of improvement in their bed rooms, and flower gardens can be seen in every community.

Jackson County: "Four H. Club girls and boys in Jackson County were the participants in a health play given in Jefferson, Georgia!"

Laurens County: "Fifty-six gardens visited this month. Gardens are all looking fine. Thirty-five chicks were taken off this month. Five toilets were cleaned and disinfected. Three poultry houses sprayed for mites. Three swatters were made, 20 pounds of disinfectant used.

"One demonstration was given in making corn muffins and soda biscuits. One canning demonstration was given. Ten curtains were made, 5 beds cut down, 2 dressing tables made, 20 sashes washed and 10 window shades bought. Fifteen gardens were set in flowers and 5 packages of seeds sown. Clubs raised \$15.00. One demonstration was given in making club uniforms, 12 were made. Eleven dresses were cut and completed, 3 princess slips, 14 bloomers, 14 rugs were completed and 9 pieces darned."

Liberty County: "Junior club girls planted 25 rows of beans, transplanted 50 rows of collard plants, set 100 rows of tomato plants. The junior school garden has growing in it, 9 varieties of vegetables. This garden is cultivated once a week by club girls. They enjoy it and find pleasure in working in it, and it looks very good."

Peach-Houston Counties: Food Production: One hundred club girls have good gardens, the same consists of beans, tomatoes, collards and onions. Poultry: Two hundred chicks were hatched this month. "A white friend in New Jersey read an article in one of our local papers concerning the girls' poultry exhibit at our Annual Farmers' Conference and Poultry Show, and she was so much impressed by the club girls' exhibit that she mailed a check for Ten Dollars to be used in the girls' club work. Forty pure bred Rhode Island Red chicks were purchased and the same were distributed among 14 of the outstanding club girls in the County. Food Conservation: Three demonstrations were given in canning garden peas. Twelve pints were canned. Two demonstrations were given in canning asparagus. Fifteen pints were canned. Sewing: Four club caps and aprons were made by club girls. Four scarfs were embroidered.".

Washington County: "Ten members were added to the junior club enrollment. Two teams were trained for bread making contests, 1 for table setting, and 1 for judging. Six dresses, 8 undergarments, 14 aprons, 4 slips, 6 pillow cases and 2 rugs were made."

Junior Short Course.

A Short Course was held in Carnaghan School House, McIntosh County for the benefit of the Darien and Carnaghan 4-H Club girls. The Short Course lasted two days and 27 persons attended it. Miss Ethel B. Taylor is the home demonstration agent.

